

Nyangatom language

Nyangatom (also Inyangatom, Donyiro, Dongiro, Idongiro) is a Nilotic language spoken in Ethiopia by the Nyangatom people. It is an oral language only, having no working orthography at present. Related languages include Toposa and Turkana, both of which have a level of mutual intelligibility; Blench (2012) counts it as a dialect of Turkana.

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Phonology

Consonants

		<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	<u>Voiceless</u>	p	t		k
	<u>Voiced</u>	b	d		g
<u>Affricate</u>	<u>Voiceless</u>			ɕ	
	<u>Voiced</u>			ɖʒ	
<u>Fricative</u>			s		
<u>Nasal</u>		m	n	ɲ	ŋ
<u>Flap</u>			r		
<u>Approximant</u>		w	l	j	

Vowels

Nyangatom	
Native to	Ethiopia
Region	Omo River region
Ethnicity	Nyangatom
Native speakers	24,000 (2007 census) ^[1]
Language family	Nilo-Saharan? <div> <div>▪ Eastern Sudanic</div> <div>▪ Nilotic</div> <div>▪ Eastern Nilotic</div> <div>▪ Ateker-Lotuko-Maa</div> <div>▪ Ateker</div> <div>▪ Turkana</div> <div>▪ Nyangatom</div> </div>
Writing system	none
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	nnj
Glottolog	nyan1315 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/id/nyan1315) ^[2]

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>Close</u>	i		u
<u>Near-close</u>	ɪ		ʊ
<u>Close-mid</u>	e		o
<u>Open-mid</u>	ɛ		ɔ
<u>Open</u>		a	

- Vowel length is contrastive in Nyangatom, as in *dʒík* 'completely' vs. *dʒíík* 'always'
- Before a pause, short vowels carrying a single, simple tone are devoiced.

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